#### RUBBER HISTORY.

Man That there With Colombia Saw Halilana Plantas Batt.

"the world was a long time learning ! the uses and value of rubber," says H. E. Armstrong in Ainslee's. "For two centuries after the Spaniards saw the gum in the hands of natives of the new world it was little more than a curiosfig. Old Herren, who went with Columbus on his second voyage, made a note of an clastic ball which was molded from the gum of a tree. At their games the nude Haitlans made it bound high in the air. The Aztecs were familiar with the gum and called it ule. and from them the Spaniards learned to smear it on their coats to keep out the wet. They had crossed the seas for gold and never dreamed of a time when the sticky milk the uncouth Indians drew from strange trees would be worth more than the treasure of the hills.

"Jose, king of Portugal, in 1555, comes down to us as the wearer of a pair of boots sent out to Para to be covered with a waterproof gum. Yet 300 years were to elapse before a Connecticut Yankee should make a pair of boots of rubber which would not decompose Dr. Priestly, author of a work on 'Perspective,' now forgotten, recorded that | winder clicks twelve times before the caoutchoic (pronounced kachook) was t useful in small cubes for rubbing on pencil marks; hence the name rubber. The India linked with it refers to the savages who gathered it in the Amazon wilderness. Dr. Priestly's cubes wer half an inch long and sold for 3 ch lings, or 75 cents, apiece-a stiff price. for the finest rubber today is \$1 a pound. Its price for ten years has ranged from 62 cents to \$1.09.

"The conversion of the gum to useful purposes made but slow headway. The first waterproof cloth in 1797 was the work of an Englishman. It was tentative, and, of course, it would not stand heat. In 1823 Charles Mackintosh of Glasgow discovered naphtha and, dissolving rubber in it, produced a varnish which, when spread on cloth, made it really impervious to water. Most of the rubber used in the world still comes from equatorial South America, and · the forests where the Indians gathered ule are as dense today and almost as little known to white men as in the time of Cortes."

#### Why They Were Selected.

It has been recorded that General Henry Knox, in 1783, was the "greatest" of 11 distinguished officers of the army, weighing 280 pounds. Neah Brooks, in his book entitled "Henry Knox," gives the following incident relating to the general's full habit:

With a Captain Sargent, he was selected to present the hard case of the starving and naked men at Valley Forge to the attention of a committee of congress. One of the congressmen, wishing to show his wit and sarcasm. said that he had never seen a fatter man than General Knox nor a better dressed man than his associate.

Knox managed to keep his temper and remained silest, but his subordinate retoried, "The corps, out of respect to congress and themselves, have seut as their representatives the only man who had an ounce of superfluous flesh on his body and the only other man who possessed a complete suit of

# Our System of Notation.

Some system of notation has been used since time out of memory. The first record we have of it is of figures written with a stick on a flat surface covered with sand. Before that all calculations were made with pebbles, beaus and the like. Even now the merchant wrote as follows at his desk-Chinese do their calculating with little stones or beads strung on wires, in a frame. The Romans first used vertical | and carried away a silk hat, a pair of Encs -I, II, III, etc.-to express numbers. The Arabic figures, which we commonly use at the present time, are of much earlier date.

The Arabic system is chiefly valuable on account of the great convenlence it affords by giving a figure a value according to the place it occupies in the line. By this system the most enormous sums can be expressed by the ten little characters which form the numerical alphabet.

# Metaphor.

The Mianeapolis (Kan.) Messenger | Answers says: "We once heard Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt eulogize Mrs. Stanton. Harriet Beecher Stowe and Susan B. Anthony as follows: These are the women who laid themselves down in the dust, as it were, to form a bridge over which you and I might go dry shod," Once we heard the president of Brown university describe the old charter eak, first as a safety vault, then as a hearthstone, and at last be made a lightning change and brought out the old true as the rudder to the ship of state. That beat anything we ever heard and the greater surprise, too, conduct as it did from such a profound

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many gulses and in considerable numcent discovery. She lives in Philadelphia, and for the sake of saving a cent a day she cheats the cat by giving and after about two teaspoonfuls of It have been lapped up she dilutes the rails with water and continues to do so till evening. When remonstrated with by her husband recently she said: Well, the cat doesn't know the difference. It looks like milk, anyhow, and if I didn't thin it out for her we'd have to have 2 cents' worth for breakfast each day."-Philadelphia Record.

# An Acquired Taste.

"Yes, there is something in a name. There's my wife, for instance.' "What about her?"

didn't like her at all at first."-

How a Blind Man Can Tell Time. Perhaps many people have noticed that aye the band eronn day theer may at Grand avenue bridge

watch and can tell time too. Yesterday a man dropped a nickel in his cup and, noticing the watch, asked him for the time. It was a queer question to ask, but he saw the watch and wanted to know whether the bligt man was simply presenting to La sightless. "I think I can tall," said the blind man,

He held it up close to his ear and slowly turned the stem vander. "One, two, three, fatt, five, six, seven, i eight," he counted, and then he said: "That means severty two minutes, I

wound up the water, rightly at 3 o'clock, and so the time ongot to be about twelve minutes past 4. lieve, look and see how near I came to it

His questioner looked, and the time was . 4:18. He was only six minutes off. "Do you mean to say that you can tell the time of day by winding up your

"Not exactly, but I can come mighty near it, usually within ten minutes, and it's very easy too. All you have to know is how one long click in winding up will run the watch. I'll explain. Suppose that at 3 o'clock I wind up my watch until it is tight, as we say-that is, until another turn of the winder would appar ently break a spring. At 5 o'clock I wind the watch again and find that the watch is wound up to the place where it sticks. Then I know that twelve clacks will run the watch 120 minutes and that one click represents ten minutes of time -Miiwaukee Scatical.

he worst after effects of influenza er se from deranged functions of the liver. (lear the blood at once with ierbine, for it will 'strengthen the ever to withdraw, from circulation the billiary poisons. Price 50 cents. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

#### Awnings In Big Lots.

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awnings. Some of the very largest have their principal exposure in such a direction that they are not needed, the sun not shining on these windows during the hours the offices are occupied. And then, of course, there are great buildings that do not require awnings on some sides, but need them on others or in courts, and so on.

"Here, for instance, is a building with about 1,000 windows, of which coo or thereabout are supplied with awnings.

"Another building I have in mind has about 1,600 windows. I don't know how many awnings they have there, but if it is supplied in the same proportion as the other that would give it about 1.000 awnings. I dare say that, in fact, you would find in the city sin gle buildings with more than a thousand awnings.

"You see, just the awaines for some of these great modern buildings amount to quite an iven."-11-

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# I tillizing the Ad.

"Now, if you will show the a here the burglars got into your shop," said the detective. "I will see if I can find a

"In a moment," said the proprietor, "I am working at something a little more important than bunning for a

And while the detective maned the "The burght" who broke futs Karzen hefter's shop on the night of the the French calfskin boots, a fur trimmed overcoat, a black browleboth suit and two stilts of slik underwear was a black hearted villain and sounded! but a man whose judgment cannot be called into question. He knew where to go when he wanted the finest clothing the market affords.

"Jacob," he said to the bookkeep-"send a copy of this to all the papers and tell 'em I want it printed in big black type, to occupy half a column. tometrow morning. Now, Mr. Hawkshaw, I am at your service."-Lond.

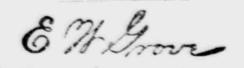
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# A Crushed Lawyer.

Some time ago a well known San Francisco attorney, who prides himself upon his handling of Chipese witnesses, was defending a railway damage case. Instead of fellowing the usual questions as to name, residence, if the nature of an eath were understood, etc., he began: "What is your name?" "Kee Lung." "You live in San Francisco?" "Yes." "You sabble God?" "Mr. At-The meanest man is around town in torney, if you mean 'Do I understand and all kinds of Holiday Goods at the ST A THOLOUGHLY MODERN UP-TO-DATE HOTFI bers, but the meanest woman is a re | ply say that Thursday evening next 1 shall address the State Ministerial association on the subject of the 'Divinity of Christ' and shall be pleased to have

> Needless to say, a general roar of laughter swept over the courtroom at this clever rally, and it was some minweek much to the discomfiture of the sowyer for the defense, before order was restored and the examination proca "-a man andingry lipes \_1 connent



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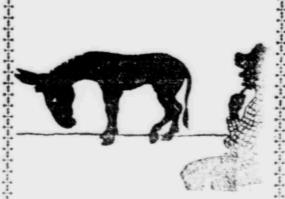
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